

February 1, 2016  
Regular Session

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Glenn Wright. Members present were Mr. McWhorter, Mr. Miller, Mrs Wynn, Mr. Moore, and Mr. Lewis.

Mr. Miller opened the meeting with prayer.

Mr. McWhorter made a motion to approve the January 19, 2016 regular session minutes as presented, after a second by Mr. Miller the motion passed 5-0.

Brenda Burke did not attend the meeting.

The second reading of the City Charter to amend Article II Section 2.14 was done. City Attorney Nelson explained the reason for the amendment was to allow city employees to run for public office, there is a provision in the charter that keeps employees from continuing employment upon qualification for any political office. The governing body is allowed to make any amendments to the charter but cannot make any changes to who can run for city council. Mr. Miller questioned about an employee being able to run for office and continue employment during a previous election. Mayor Wright stated that there was an amendment in the ordinance but it was never changed in the city charter. Mayor Wright opened the floor for questions and comments.

Chief Bashore asked the city council to really consider making the amendment and to support the change.

Marion Rhodes stated that he has many concerns with changes being made to the city charter or ordinances and asked the council to take a closer look before making any amendments, he feels that they are in place for a reason.

Sharon Postell stated that the vote should be for the betterment of the city.

Mr. Lewis feels that amending the ordinance would cause too much of a conflict among employees. The floor was closed for comments.

Mr. Lewis made a motion not to approve the second reading of the ordinance to amend Section 2.14 of the City Charter. Motion died for lack of a second.

Mr. Moore made a motion to approve the second reading of the ordinance to amend Section 2.14 of the City Charter as presented, after a second by Mrs. Wynn the motion passed 4-1 with Mr. Lewis voting against.

Mr. Marion Rhodes addressed his concerns about the conditions of the pond behind the Morningside and Greensboro Village Apartments, he feels that it is a health hazard and a breeding area for mosquitoes. The Code Enforcement Officer was directed to contact the property owner about the conditions of the property.

Mr. Moore addressed his concerns of a safety issue on Reynolds Drive and would like to revisit adding sidewalks to that street.

Mr. Lewis made a motion to adjourn the meeting, after a second by Mr. McWhorter the motion passed 5-0.

There being no further business, Mayor Wright closed the meeting with prayer.